# SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY 2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT





### FEDERAL LAND MANAGERS/THE MODOC LINE

## **Federal Land Manager's Meeting**

In April 2008 the SNC hosted the second Federal Land Manager's meeting. This well-received meeting brought Federal land managers from National Park Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and US Fish and Wildlife Service in the Sierra region together. Representatives of the Natural Resources Conservation Service also attended.

Sierra-wide issues were discussed and partnerships were established to address regional issues. Top priorities were established for the year and by unanimous agreement the group requested that SNC as the neutral entity, continue to organize these valuable annual meetings.



2008 Federal Land Managers and SNC Managers.

### The Modoc Line

The SNC has supported efforts of Lassen and Modoc Counties, the Lassen Land and Trails Trust (LLTT) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to acquire the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad Modoc Line. The 86 mile long alignment runs from Wendel to Alturas and has acquired by the LLTT under the Federal Transportation Board's rules for Rail Banking. The acquisition was made possible through funding by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). The Modoc Line will be managed under a comprehensive plan to be developed by the LLTT, the counties and BLM as a Recreational Rail Trail, providing public access and recreational opportunities in Counties of Lassen and Modoc. This project is a great example of state, local and federal governments working closely with a non-profit partnership to bring a positive local outcome.

## ► Map of the Modoc Line



Recreation Opportunities along the Modoc Line.



